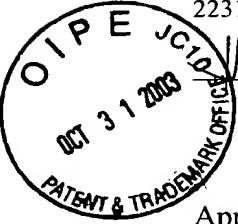


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AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated May 27, 2003, please amend the present application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of the paper.

Amendments to the Claims are set forth in the Listing of claims beginning on page 3 of the paper.

Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.